

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The State of Arkansas today announced special relief for taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas struck by Hurricane Katrina. Taxpayers in the disaster areas generally will have until Oct. 31, 2005, to file state income and excise tax returns and submit tax payments. The State will abate interest and any late filing or late payment penalties that would otherwise apply. This relief includes the Sept. 15 due date for estimated taxes and for calendar-year corporate returns with automatic extensions.

The Governor wants to assure the victims, families and others affected by the devastation from Hurricane Katrina that he and the Arkansas Revenue Division will do everything possible to provide administrative tax relief. Just as importantly, the Governor and Revenue Division will work to minimize the complication of tax issues during this difficult time.

This relief extends to taxpayers in the following areas:

- 31 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana;
- 15 Mississippi counties: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, and Wilkinson; and
- Three Alabama counties: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington.

Taxpayers should mark envelopes containing disaster relief-related forms with "Hurricane Katrina" in red ink in the lower left corner of the envelope, and also across the top of the tax form.

### Areas Eligible for Tax Relief (New and Previously Announced Locations)

- 64 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, Desoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn;
- 52 Mississippi counties: Adams, Amite, Attala, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Monroe,

Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, and Winston;

- Six Alabama counties: Baldwin, Clarke, Choctaw, Mobile, Sumter and Washington; and
- Three Florida counties: Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe.

Additional information will be posted at the following web site:

[http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/dfa\\_taxes.html](http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/dfa_taxes.html)